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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [27]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/355 and Add.1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.15).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-12 noon 20th meeting Conference Room 1

Action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items 60, 61, 63-81:

Agenda items [60] (A/51/27, 208-S/1996/543, 1017-S/1996/632, A/C.1/51/L.36); [61] (A/51/179, 209, A/C.1/51/L.47); [62]; [63] (A/C.1/51/L.20 and Rev.1); [64] (A/51/529, A/C.1/51/L.34); [65]; [66] (A/51/27, 123, 127, 131, 163, 167, 174, 208-S/1996/543, 262, 412, A/C.1/51/4, 5, 8); [67] (A/51/113-S/1996/276, 117-S/1996/290, 216-S/1996/563, 286, A/C.1/51/L.28 and Rev.1); [68] (A/51/176, A/C.1/51/13, A/C.1/51/L.6); [69] (A/51/27, 163, 262, A/C.1/51/13, A/C.1/51/L.30); [70]; (A/51/27, 262, A/C.1/51/L.43); [71] (A/51/27, 42, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 127, 131, 136, 137, 139, 157, 159-S/1996/418, 163, 165-S/1996/435, 167, 169-S/1996/444, 174, 181, 188-S/1996/511, 207, 208-S/1996/543, 214, 218, 220, 224, 262, 266-S/1996/621, 279, 300, Add.1 and Add.2, 393, 452, 462-S/1996/831, 648-S/1996/900, A/C.1/51/7, 11, 12, 13, A/C.1/51/L.3*, L.4 and Rev.1, L.7, L.11 and Rev. 1, L.12, L.14, L.16, L.17, L.18, L.21, L.24, L.29, L.31, L.35, L.37, L.38, L.39, L.41, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.48, L.49); [72] (A/51/27, 60-S/1996/62, 69-S/1996/122, 72-S/1996/148, 77-S/1996/181, 137, 188-S/1996/511, 219, 274-S/1996/631, 287, 403, 445, 648-S/1996/900, A/C.1/51/L.8, L.10, L.15, L.19 and Rev.1, L.26* and Rev.1, L.32); [73] (A/51/27, 42, 86-S/1996/216, 137, 175, 182, 346-S/1996/740, 352, 364, A/C.1/51/L.1 and Rev.1, L.5 and Rev.1, L.25); [74] (A/51/446, A/C.1/51/L.27*); [75] (A/51/139, 254, A/C.1/51/

L.40); [76] (A/51/210, 230 and Corr.1, A/C.1/51/L.33); [77] (A/51/29, 546, 547, A/C.1/51/L.13); [78] (A/C.1/51/L.9*); [79] (A/51/117-S/1996/290, 151, A/C.1/51/L.23); [80] (A/C.1/51/L.2); [81] (A/51/60-S/1996/62, 89, 137, 202-S/1996/537, 318-S/1996/706, 351-S/1996/744, 401-S/1996/782, 461-S/1996/830, 537-S/1996/867, 550-S/1996/872, A/C.1/51/13, A/C.1/51/L.22, L.42 and Rev.1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/51/20, A/51/276, A/C.4/51/L.7)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [94] (A/51/87, A/51/208-S/1996/543)

(a) External debt and development (A/51/294)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/51/291 and A/51/388)

Conclusion of general discussion

Conclusion of the general discussion of the Committee

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [96]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.23

(b) Agenda for development

(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.21

(d) Population and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.19

(g) Cultural development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.22

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.15 (item 96 (e)) and A/C.2/51/L.7 (item 97 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/51/41, (Supplement No.41), A/51/90, A/51/306 and Add.1, A/51/385, A/51/424, A/51/456, A/51/492)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1 and A/51/421 and Corr.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146] (A/51/10 and Corr.1, A/51/177 and Add.1-5, A/51/178, A/51/332 and Corr.1, A/51/358 and Add.1, A/51/365)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a draft resolution concerning the establishment of an international criminal court

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on a draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the establishment of an international criminal court.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Procurement reform

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 12 November 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUPS 1 AND 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Economic and Social Council matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: external debt crisis and development)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: global financial integration)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the coordinator on industrial development cooperation and on specific measures for small island developing States)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: net flows and transfer of resources)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a closed meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 12 November 1996, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mrs. Graça Machel, Expert of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children, will address the Forum on "The rights of children in armed conflicts".

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty *today*, 12 November 1996, at 12 noon in Conference Room 1. All States Signatories are requested to attend.

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Briefing

There will be an informal briefing on the work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the field of child labour. The briefing will be held in conjunction with Third Committee agenda item 106 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children), as well as with the release of a new report on the ILO's most recent work in this area. Ms. Gabriele Stoikov, Manager of the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) since 1994, will give the briefing *today*, 12 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of agencies and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	39th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

In accordance with the announcement made by the President of the General Assembly on 28 October 1996, the Coordinator of the Informal Consultations on Item 21 and all its sub-items, H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria), will hold the first meeting of the Informal Consultations on Friday, 15 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, for a preliminary exchange of views on the questions to be considered under that item and on the organization of the work of the Informal Consultations.

Bearing in mind that the debate on item 21 is scheduled to be held in the Plenary on Thursday, 21 November, delegations are invited to present any initiative (draft resolution) they might have to the informal meeting on 15 November.

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The 178th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 14 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The list of speakers for the general debate (scheduled for 25 and 26 November 1996) of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, to be held in Geneva (from 25 November to 6 December 1996) is open for inscription.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the BWC (Mr. Sola Ogunbanwo, Provisional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, BWC Secretariat, Palais Des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (tel. : 022-9173644, fax: 022-9170296, room A-598)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (i)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

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* To be issued.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Briefings

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. José Ayala Lasso, will hold a briefing for non-governmental organizations on current developments in the United Nations human rights programme on Wednesday, 13 November 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with the request made by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1996/33 on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs will convene an informal open-ended information meeting on Thursday, 14 November 1996, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6, to apprise delegations on the measures taken in preparation for the comprehensive analytical report called for in that resolution, as well as on various on-going activities of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The document E/1996/CRP.5/Rev.1 entitled "Analysis of the agenda items of the Economic and Social Council and comparison with items considered by the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly" and the informal paper on the "Outcome of informal Council discussions on General Assembly resolution 50/227" are available for delegations to retrieve outside room S-2994 (one copy per delegation).

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 8 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [18]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The Committee decided, without objection, to elect by secret ballot the candidates from the Group of Western European and Other States.

The Committee then decided, by acclamation to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Ammar Amari (Tunisia), Mr. Leonid E. Bidny (Russian Federation) and Mrs. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba) to the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1997.

The Committee also decided, following a secret ballot, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Gerard Biraud (France) and Ms. Denise Almao (New Zealand) to the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1997.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

The Committee decided, without objection, to elect by secret ballot the candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States.

The Committee then decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint to the Committee on Contributions Mr. Iqbal Akhund (Pakistan), Mr. Evgueni N. Deineko (Russian Federation) and Mr. Ju Kuilin (China) for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1997.

The Committee also decided, following a secret ballot, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil), Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy) and Mrs. Isabelle Klais (Germany) to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1997.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the Auditor-General of Ghana for a three-year term of office beginning 1 July 1997.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of Ms. Francine Bovich (United States of America), Mr. Peter Stormonth Darling (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan) to the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997.

The Committee also decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo (Mexico) to fill the remainder of a three-year term expiring on 31 December 1997.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Julio Barboza (Argentina) and Mr. Mayer Gabay (Israel) to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning 1 January 1997.

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Ms. Corazon Alma de Leon (Philippines), Mr. Alexander V. Chepourin (Russian Federation), Mr. Humayun Kabir (Bangladesh), Mr. Ernest Rusita (Uganda) and Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco) to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997.

The Chairman declared this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18 concluded.

25th meeting

Organization of work

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) spoke on a point of information.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management made a statement and replied to questions previously posed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Algeria, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bangladesh, Mexico, Uganda, the United States, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Australia, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Indonesia.

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management and the Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee concluded the general discussion of this agenda item.

Human resources management [120]

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions previously posed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Uganda, Cuba, Portugal and Colombia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Monday, 11 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

55th plenary meeting

Cyclone in India

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and people of India over the tragic loss of life and the extensive material damage caused by the recent cyclone.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs: election of the members of the International Law Commission [17 (a)]

(a) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the candidates (A/51/117 and Add.1-9)

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the consolidated list of candidates (A/51/653)

(b) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the statements of qualifications of candidates (A/51/178 and Add.1)

On the first round of balloting, the following persons, having obtained the required majority and having received the greatest number of votes, were elected members of the International Law Commission for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 1997:

Mr. Emmanuel Akwei Addo (Ghana)
Mr. Husain Al-Baharna (Bahrain)
Mr. Awn Shawkat Khasawneh (Jordan)
Mr. Joao Clemente Baena Soares (Brazil)
Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco)
Mr. Ian Brownlie (United Kingdom)
Mr. Enrique J.A. Candioti (Argentina)
Mr. James Richard Crawford (Australia)
Mr. Christopher John Robert Dugard (South Africa)
Mr. Constantin P. Economides (Greece)
Mr. Nabil Elaraby (Egypt)
Mr. Luigi Ferrari Bravo (Italy)
Mr. Zdzislaw Galicki (Poland)
Mr. Raul I. Goco (Philippines)
Mr. Gerhard Hafner (Austria)
Mr. He Qizhi (China)
Mr. Mauricio Herdocia Sacasa (Nicaragua)
Mr. Jorge E. Illueca (Panama)
Mr. Peter C.R. Kabatsi (Uganda)
Mr. James Lutabanzibwa Kateka (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr. Mochtar Kusuma-Atmadja (Indonesia)
Mr. Igor Ivanovich Lukashuk (Russian Federation)
Mr. Teodor Viorel Melescanu (Romania)
Mr. Vaclav Mikulka (Czech Republic)
Mr. Didier Opertti Badan (Uruguay)
Mr. Guillame Pambou-Tchivounda (Gabon)
Mr. Alain Pellet (France)
Mr. Pemmaraju Sreenivasa Rao (India)
Mr. Victor Rodriguez Cedeno (Venezuela)
Mr. Robert Rosenstock (United States)
Mr. Bernardo Sepulveda (Mexico)
Mr. Bruno Simma (Germany)
Mr. Doudou Thiam (Senegal)
Mr. Chusei Yamada (Japan)

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 17.

56th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [25]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/299)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.14/Rev.1)

The representative of Saint-Lucia made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/51/L.14/Rev.1 and orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bahamas, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, Canada, Jamaica (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States, Germany, Argentina and Italy.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991, the observer for the Caribbean Community made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.14/Rev.1, as orally revised (resolution 51/16).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 25.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly of changes and additions to the programme of work of the General Assembly.

The consideration of agenda item 26 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization), originally scheduled for Monday, 11 November, was postponed to a later date, to be announced.

Agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), which was scheduled as the second item for Tuesday, 12 November, in the morning, was also postponed to a later date, to be announced.

Agenda item 30 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States), which was scheduled as the first item for Thursday, 14 November, in the morning, would be considered on Tuesday, 19 November, as the fourth item.

On Wednesday, 20 November, in the morning, the Assembly would take up agenda item 18 (h) (Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit) as the first item followed by agenda item 41 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) already scheduled for that morning.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items

The Committee began the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of India, Cuba, Mexico, Algeria, France, Japan, China, Myanmar (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.39), Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the United States, Egypt, Algeria, Burundi, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Pakistan, Colombia (who spoke on behalf of the States Members that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Cameroon, Indonesia, Ireland, Brazil, Mongolia, Canada and New Zealand.

The Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.6 was adopted by a recorded vote of 130 to 3, with 8 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, the United States and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.9 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan and Egypt.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.17

Preambular paragraph 7 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 133 to 1, with 6 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 138 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 11 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representations of Brazil, Viet Nam, Algeria, Zimbabwe, Cuba and Nigeria.

19th meeting

The Committee continued the fourth phase of its work, namely, action on draft resolutions submitted on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Australia and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 76 to 26, with 24 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Peru, New Zealand, Panama, Bhutan, Slovakia, the United States, Sri Lanka and Yemen.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.23 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position, statements were made by the representatives of Spain and Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.30 was adopted by a recorded vote of 100 to none, with 43 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nigeria.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.39.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa and Australia.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 87 to 38, with 20 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, China, New Zealand, Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.2 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position after the decision, a statement was made by the representative of Israel.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.24 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of position after the decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Australia.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.36 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/51/L.41 was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 10 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Iraq.

The Chairman made a statement.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Chairman made an introductory statement during the course of which he drew attention to the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, contained in document A/51/20, as well as the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/51/276.

The representative of Austria, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the report of the Committee (A/51/20).

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of China and Ireland (also on behalf of the European Union as well as by the following associated countries: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Iceland, Poland, Romania and Slovakia).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate the following day, 12 November, at 1 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

(f) Eradication of poverty

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.18

The representative of Costa Rica introducted the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution.

Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

(a) External debt and development

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

The Committee began consideration of agenda item 94, sub-items (a) and (b).

The Chief of the International Economic Relations Branch of the Department for Economic and Social Information an Policy Analysis (DESIPA) made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union; Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Romania, associate States, aligned themselves with this statement), Tunisia, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, the United States, Ghana, China, Fiji, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Togo, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, the Sudan, the Niger and Cambodia, as well as by the observer of the Holy See.

The Chief of the International Economic Relations Branch of DESIPA responded to the statements made by delegates.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 94, sub-items (c) and (d) was on Tuesday, 12 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Chile, Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), New Zealand, Australia, Ukraine, Brazil, the Sudan, Guatemala, Malaysia, Estonia and the Philippines.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 105.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.13

The representative of Cameroon (on behalf of the State Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States) introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.14

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that action would be postponed on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.19, under item 102, until Wednesday, 13 November 1996.

32nd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu addressed the Committee.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of SADC countries), Japan, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the following associated States: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Belgium, Ghana, Mexico, Viet Nam, South Africa, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Central American States), Indonesia, Israel, Togo, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and Malta.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The representative of Singapore made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee announced that the Committee would begin its consideration of item 110 (a) (Human rights intruments), on Wednesday, 13 November, in the afternoon. Owing to the large number of speakers who had incribed under item 106 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children), the Committee would conclude its general discussion of that item on Wednesday morning. If time permitted on Wednesday morning, the Committee would then, under item 102, take action on A/C.3/51/L.9; under item 103, hear the introductions of A/C.3/51/L.17 and L. 18 and take action on A/C.3/51/L.19; under item 104, take action on A/C.3/51/L.29; under item 105, take action on A/C.3/51/L.12, L.13, L.15/Rev. 1 and L.16; and under item 108, hear the introductions of A/C.3/51/L.23, L.24, and L.27.

The Secretary also reminded delegations of the time limits that had been established for speaking under item 110 (sub-items (a) to (e)), the human rights cluster.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 25th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 1996/216, p. 10): Slovakia should be added to the list of associated countries on whose behalf the representative of Ireland spoke.

Corrigendum to the summary of the 29th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 1996/219, p. 10): the text under *Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.20* should read as follows:

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution has no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out further revisions to the draft resolution.

It was announced that Afghanistan, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, France, the Dominican Republic, Malta, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and, Thailand had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore and the Sudan.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

A statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

The Vice-Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit presented the comments of the Unit on the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Cameroon (on behalf of the African Group).

Programme 11

The Controller introduced the revised programme to the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, Bangladesh and Cuba.

Programmes 12 and 13

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland and Romania), Egypt, Mexico, Cuba, Japan and Costa Rica.

The Committee concluded its consideration of programmes 12 and 13.

Programme 19

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Bolivia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland and Romania), Mexico, Malaysia, Cuba, Ecuador and Egypt.

Human resources management [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions previously posed.

Follow-up comments were made by the representatives of Cuba, Germany, Panama, Canada, the United States, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Costa Rica and New Zealand.

The Committee suspended the general discussion of this agenda item pending receipt of a report of the Sixth Committee on the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission introduced Chapters IV, V and VI of the Commission's report.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Austria, France, Bahrain and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic States).

The Chairman also spoke.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1996

262nd meeting

Opening of the session

The seventeenth session was declared open by the Chairman of the Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CAT/C/36.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee adopted various decisions relating to organizational and other matters.

Submission of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

263rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Jamaica (11 November 1996)

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, concluded at Vienna on 22 March 1985

Accession: Madagascar (7 November 1996)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, concluded at Montreal on 16 September 1987

Accession: Madagascar (7 November 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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